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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel original claims 1-11 and rewrite them as new claims 12-22 as follows:

12. A tab for a container having a wall with a tear part for opening the container, said tab comprising:

a rigid lever part, which is connectable to the tear part and which defines a plane;

and

an operating part for operating the lever part, which operating part is movably connected to the lever part, such that the operating part can be moved out of the plane of the rigid lever part.

13. The tab according to claim 12, wherein the operating part is hingedly arranged to the lever part.

14. The tab according to claim 13, wherein the lever part comprises a substantially sleeve-like edge, in which a cylindrical edge of the operating part is hingedly arranged.

✓ 15. The tab according to claim 13, wherein the lever part comprises at least one opening, in which the operating part is arranged.

✓ 16. The tab according to claim 13, wherein the operating part has a tab shape.

✓ 17. The tab according to claim 13, wherein the operating part comprises a loop.

✓ 18. The tab according to claim 12, wherein the operating part is flexible.

✓ 19. The tab according to claim 18, wherein the lever part comprises at least two sleeves, in which the ends of a strand are fixedly arranged.

✓ 20. The tab according to claim 19, wherein the strand comprises a plastic.

✓ 21. The tab according to claim 19, wherein the strand comprises a steel cable.

✓ 22. A container, comprising:

a bottom wall;

a peripheral wall extending from the bottom wall;

an upper closing wall, which comprises a tear part for opening the container; and

a tab which is connected to the tear part, wherein the tab is comprised of a rigid lever part, which is connectable to the tear part and which defines a plane; and

an operating part for operating the lever part, which operating part is movably connected to the lever part, such that the operating part can be moved out of the plane of the rigid lever part.